

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
DECEMBER 15, 2015

President Pro Tem Tim Shuffett called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Rick Herman with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Shuffett.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker and James Lienhoop were present.

Absent: Mayor Brown

- D. Councilor Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on December 1, 2015 as presented. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jeff Logston, City Attorney and Executive Director of Administration, requested Council amend the Agenda to include one additional item under new business. Item D – a resolution regarding a transfer within Board of Works from one category to another as a year-end clean up item. Council Miller made a motion to approve the request. Council Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

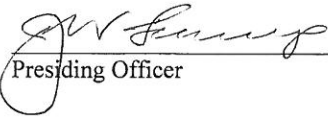
- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 37, 2015 RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1, ET. SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM." (CUMMINS INC.) Carl Malysz, Community Development Director, introduced Catina Furnish and Chris Meyer with Cummins, Inc. Catina explained Cummins, Inc. is making an \$11.59 million investment in personal property by purchasing new equipment. She stated the equipment will be located at 950 W 450 S and CR 175 W in Columbus, which is the new Faurecia site. Catina further explained there are no new jobs for Cummins Inc. but the project does support the 131 new jobs within the Faurecia tax abatement of May, 2015. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the meeting and found the application from Cummins, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 38, 2015 RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1, ET. SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM." (Rightway Fasteners) Carl Malysz introduced Ron Miller who is the General Manager with Rightway Fasteners, Inc. Ron explained Rightway Fasteners, Inc. is requesting a tax abatement on personal property to purchase \$6.6 million of new equipment. Five new jobs will be created as a result of this expansion at their current location of 7945 S International Drive. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the meeting and found the application from Rightway Fasteners, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Councilor Whipker made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 39, 2015 A RESOLUTION INDUCING THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE FORMER GOLDEN CASTINGS FOUNDRY." (ASHFORD PARK, L.P., BY HERMAN & KITTLE PROPERTIES, INC.) Carl Malysz introduced Michael Allen and Tyler Kalachnick with Ice Miller. Ice Miller is the bond counsel assisting Herman & Kittle Properties, Inc. on this project. Michael Allen explained this resolution serves, for federal tax purposes, as the official intent to issue bonds for the project. He stated if adopted this would allow Herman & Kittle Properties, Inc. to be reimbursed for expenditures that they have incurred thus far. He also briefly identified the next steps of the process. Tyler Kalachnick explained if bonds are issued they will not be an obligation of the city, but solely payable from revenues of the project. He stated this will not affect the city's constitutional debt limit and no taxes will be involved. Jeff Logston provided a summary of this process and reiterated this resolution does not obligate the city to issue bonds for this project. Much discussion followed. The meeting was opened to the public comment. Glen Petri asked if this would affect the city's bond rating if the project were to fail. Jeff Logston stated this should not affect the city's bond rating. Susan Fye clarified that if these bonds do not contribute to the debt limit of the city, as a private landlord, she has no problem with this resolution. Councilor Lienhoop made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 40, 2015, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK-TREASURER TO MAKE A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY BUDGET PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-18-6. Jeff Logston presented this resolution by stating the request is to transfer \$600 within the Board of Public Works and Safety budget. He explained no additional appropriation is necessary and is a transfer from the 300 (Other Services and Charges) category to the 100 (Personal Services) category. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Bunch made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.


IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports - none
- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 4, 2016, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

- C. Councilor Bunch made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:27 P.M


Presiding Officer

Attest:


Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus